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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/051,670
Filed: September 8, 1998
Title: Novel DNAs and Process for Producing Proteins By Using
the Same
Applicants: Nobuaki NAKAGAWA *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.009

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Applicants' Inquiry Concerning Suspension of Action by the Examiner Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.103 and MPEP 709; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16991.009. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristan L. Lansbery".

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Enclosures



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Sir:

Pursuant to an official communication mailed October 18, 2005, regarding suspension of prosecution of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that a status update of this application be provided to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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